

REMARKS:

- 1) Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment including new claims 16 to 24 is respectfully requested. Claims 16 to 24 are based on a translation of revised PCT claims 1 to 9 that were submitted on October 18, 2005 in the PCT International Application, and that were the basis of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. However, the present new US claims 16 to 24 have been slightly further revised to avoid multiple dependencies and a few other minor informalities.
- 2) Note that the International Preliminary Report on Patentability found that all of the revised PCT claims 1 to 9 of the PCT International Application satisfied all criteria for patentability including novelty, non-obviousness and utility. The corresponding new US claims 16 to 24 should thus also be found to be patentable.
- 2) Claims 16 to 24 are the claims to be examined. Favorable consideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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